

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 2007-4-G - ORDER NO. 2007-453
JULY 3, 2007

IN RE: Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc. --) ORDER GRANTING
Annual Review of the Purchased Gas) EXTENSION OF TIME
Adjustment and Gas Purchasing Policies)

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (“Commission”) on the request of Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc. (“Piedmont” or the “Company”) to extend the hearing and procedural schedule by four months in this docket. Piedmont states that this extension is necessary in order to allow additional time for the South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff (“ORS”) and the Company to complete their investigation and analysis of Piedmont’s review period gas costs. The Commission grants this request with the understanding that the review period under consideration will not change.

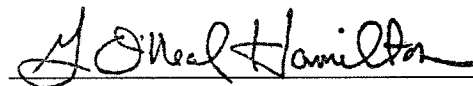
However, we express concern that the parties have waited until the last minute to make an extension request of such magnitude. The hearing in this matter is currently scheduled for July 26, 2007, with Piedmont’s direct prefiled testimony due on June 14; the same day the request was filed. Yet, it appears that Piedmont knew of problems requiring an extension of time well prior to this date.

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The specific dates for the revised procedural schedule will be furnished by the Commission's Docketing Department in the near future. This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:



G. O'Neal Hamilton, Chairman

ATTEST:


C. Robert Moseley, Vice Chairman

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